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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF TOASTS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER ADOLFO MOLINA

PLEASE ISSUE FOLLOWING AS PRESS RELEASE:

"EXCHANGE OF TOASTS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A.
KISSINGER, AND HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLFO MOLINA, FOREIGN MINISTER
OF GUATEMALA, AT A LUNCHEON FOR LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
AT THE CENTER FOR INTER-MERICAN RELATIONS, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 2, 1974.

QUOTE

SECRETARY KISSINGER: EXCELLENCIES AND FRIENDS:

I SPEAK BEFORE THIS GROUP ALWAYS WITH CONSIDERABLE HESITATION,
KNOWING THE HIGH QUALITY OF ORATORY THAT IS ASSEMBLED IN
THIS ROOM AND THE JUDGEMENTS THAT WILL BE MADE ON MY EFFORT, NOT
TO SPEAK OF THE REPLIES THAT WILL BE GIVEN EITHER WHILE I'M IN
THE ROOM OR TO THE PRESS AFTER WE ALL LEAVE.

WE MET IN THIS ROOM JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO TODAY, AND IT ISN'T
OFTEN THAT ONE ATTEND LUNCH AND ONE CAN SAY IT MAKES A
DIFFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF NATIONS. BUT I LIKE TO THINK
THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE, WHICH WE STARTED IN THIS ROOM LAST
YEAR, HAS ALREADY MADE A DIFFERENCE AND, IF WE CARRY OUT THE
PROMISE THAT IT CONTAINS, THAT IT WILL MAKE AN EVEN MORE
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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I TOLD YOU THEN, AND STILL BELIEVE, THAT RELATIONSHIPS

IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAD BEEN TOO LONG NEGLECTED AND
THAT IF THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT ESTABLISH A CONSTRUCTIVE AND
CREATIVE RELATIONSHIP ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT WITH

ITS FRIENDS TO THE SOUTH, WITH SO MANY HISTORIC TIES
CONNECTED TO IT, THEN HOW CAN WE SPEAK OF A WORLD STRUCTURE OR EXPECT TO BE CREATIVE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD?
THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF COSTA RICA REPLIED, AND SO DID
THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF COLUMBIA; AND OUT OF THIS DEVELOPED
THE SERIES OF MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE HAD SINCE THEN.
I BELIEVE THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE HAS ALREADY REMOVED SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS; IT HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED SOME COMMON PROBLEMS; AND IT HAS ALREADY CREATED SOME WORKING GROUPS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ON THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THAT DEAL WITH SOME OF OUR SPECIFIC ASPIRATIONS AND WITH OUR PARTICULAR GRIEVANCES.

BUT WE ARE ONLY AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS.
ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES FACE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BECOME GLOBAL IN NATURE. WE ALL FACE THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION. SOME OF US ARE COMMODITY EXPORTERS, SOME OF US ARE COMMODITY IMPORTERS, AND SOME OF US ARE BOTH. BUT WE ALL REALIZE THAT WE HAVE BECOME PART OF AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD COMMUNITY AND THAT NONE OF US --NOT THE UNITED STATES NOR ANYBODY ELSE--CAN SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS BY PURELY NATIONAL POLICIES.

SO THE QUESTION ISN'T REALLY WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN A LARGER FORUM --ABOUT THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE--BUT WITH WHAT GROUP WE SHOULD DISCUSS, IN WHAT MANNER AND TO WHAT PURPOSE.
IN THIS RESPECT, AS I HAVE SAID TO YOU IN OUR SEVERAL MEETINGS OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE TO ITS WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONSHIPS.

IN MEXICO CITY, I USED THE WORD WHICH WAS CRITICIZED BY ONE OR TWO OF YOU WITH GREAT ELOQUENCE, WHEN I SPOKE OF "COMMUNITY" IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. AND, IF FACT, I TOLD MY FRIEND, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF JAMAICA, IF WE COULD ONLY HAVE EXCLUDED THE CARIBBEANS WE WOULD HAVE A HAPPY MEETING. (LAUGHTER.) AND AS OUR INFLUENCE GROWS, I DON'T EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

BUT WE DO NOT INSIST ON ANY PARTICULAR PHRASE, IN THE NAME OF WHICH WE WORK TOGETHER. WE RECOGNIZE SEVERAL COUNTRIES HERE HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE NON-ALIGNED, AND WE REALIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT ALL COUNTRIES HERE WANT TO PURSUE FOREIGN POLICIES THAT REFLECT THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THEIR OWN REGIONAL CONCERNs.
WHAT WE PROPOSE IS THAT THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH WE IDENTIFY AS "COMMON", WE SHOULD DEAL WITH IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND, THEREBY, SET AN EXAMPLE TO MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD OF HOW PROBLEMS MUST BE DEALT WITH ---NOR IS THIS

PROPOSED IN ANY SPIRIT OF EXCLUSIVITY, BECAUSE EVENTUALLY THE PROBLEMS I HAVE ENUMERATED CAN BE DEALT WITH ONLY ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT IN THE NEXT YEAR WE CAN TRANSLATE THE DIALOGUE INTO CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORKING GROUPS THAT ALREADY EXIST CAN LEAD TO TANGIBLE RESULTS. WE HOPE, AND ARE QUITE CONFIDENT, THAT OUR OWN TRADE REFORM ACT WILL PASS SO THAT THE SYSTEMS OF PREFERENCES--WHICH WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT FOR TOO LONG--CAN FINALLY BE INSTITUTED. AND, BEYOND THIS, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE OAS, WITH AN OPEN MIND AND PAYING CAREFUL HEED TO THE PREDOMINANT VIEWS OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE -- BOTH WITHIN THE OAS AND AT THE FORTHCOMING FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ARGENTINA.

23 28)) 294(592-4\$ A CONCRETE SOLUTION OF OUR COMMON PROBLEMS. WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ANCHOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONSHIP, NOT ONLY IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR GOVERNMENT BUT IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS IN OUR COUNTRIES AS MUCH AS WE CAN. I'M GLAD TO SAY THAT OUR NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS --MR WILLIAM ROGERS--WHO IS HERE WITH US, HAS ACCEPTED THIS POSITION, BECAUSE HE HAS HAD A LONG HISTORY OF DEDICATION TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONSHIPS. YOU HAVE IN HIM A GUARANTEE THAT WHAT WE WILL DO TOGETHER WILL NOT BE DONE BY ONE COUNTRY FOR OTHERS-NOR WILL IT BE DONE IN A SPIRIT OF BUREACRACY --BUT WITH AN ATTITUDE OF FRIENDSHIP, WITH A FEELING OF HUMANITY, AND WITH A HOPE THAT WHAT WE DO HERE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IS OF SIGNIFICANCE NOT JUST FOR US OURSELVES, BUT FOR A WORLD THAT NEEDS A DEMONSTRATION OF HOW FREE PEOPLE WORKING

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TOGETHER CAN MASTER THEIR OWN FUTURE.
IT'S IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST:
TO PROGRESS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND TO OUR CLOSE AND GROWING FRIENDSHIP.
(STANDING TOAST.) (APPLAUSE.)
HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLFO MILINA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUATEMALA:
MR SECRETARY OF STATE, YOUR EXCELLENCIES , AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE --COINCIDENTALLY, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT GUATEMALA IS AT PRESENT PRESIDING AT THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP OF NATIONS--THAT I HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THE SPECIFIC HONOR OF ACTING HERE AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, AS WELL AS FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO RESPOND TO THE INVITATION TO THIS BANQUET.

AND, IN THE FIRST PLACE, I SHOULD STATE--AND I MUST STATE--
THAT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO SHARE BREAD
AND WINE HERE WITH ALL OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THIS SPIRIT OF FRI-
ENDSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND IN THE
SPIRIT OF A CONTINOUS DIALOGUE.

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AS WAS STATED ONE YEAR AGO, WHEN WE HELD THIS MEETING, THAT
HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HERE, THE DIALOGUE IS BASED ON THE
BASIS OF EQUALITY-- AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER --AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES OF DIGNITY OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF OUR HEMISPHERE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS
DIALOGUE THAT STARTED HERE--THAT WE CONTINUED IN BOGOTA, MEXICO
CITY, WASHINGTON,D.C., AND ATLANTA--THAT WE HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO BROACH SUDDEN PROBLEMS IN A PRACTICAL MANNER WITH THE PRACTICA-

LITIES THAT CHARACTERIZE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APPROACH--
WHICH CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN USE OF FEW WORDS AND DECISIVE ACTION--
IN ORDER TO STATE THAT WE HERE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL
WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRIES,
THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND ALSO OTHER
POINTS THAT ARE RELATED.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDY GROUPS THAT HAVE MET BOTH IN
CONFERENCES, WE HAVE HAD WORKING GROUPS THAT HAVE WORKED
ON ALL OF THE SUBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO,
AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHERS INCORPORATED IN THE DECLARATION OF
TLATELOLCO.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT TO TLATELOLCO THAT THE NEW DYNAMICS OF THE
RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HEMISPHERE TOWARDS GREATER ECONOMIC DEV-
ELOPMENT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED. THIS NEW YEAR OF THE DIALOGUE IS ONE
THAT BRINGS WITH IT NUMEROUS PROBLEMS, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS

SUGGESTED, AND REFLECTS OMINOUS CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON IN WHICH THE POLICIES OF THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WILL HAVE TO BE DEFINED.
WE HAVE NOTED PROBLEMS, SUCH AS THE UNBALANCE IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.
AND, AS HAS SOMETIMES BEEN ALSO STATED BY THE SECRETARY AT THE
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UNITED NATIONS , THE PROBLEMS THAT COME FORTH WITH DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE -- SPECIFICALLY, WITH REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY--AS WELL AS THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE INFLATIONARY SPIRIT WHICH IS AFFECTING MOST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.
THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD CONFIRMS THE FABLE OF NEMESIS- ONE THAT REALLY RULES THE DESTINY OF MAN, ONE OF PROVIDING MAN WITH THE TYPE OF ABUNDANCE THAT HE DESIRES--THAT HE MIGHT BE LED TO THE TYPE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WHICH COULD DESTROY

HUMANITY--ONE IN WHICH AN EXCESS IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OR FUNDS AVAILABLE COULD,
IN FACT, ENGULF HUMANITY IN A SITUATION AS WE CONCEIVED IT.
WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE, THIS IS ONE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, HAS BOTH A POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CONNOTATION. IT IS POSITIVE IN THE SENSE THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD CAN NO LONGER LIVE IN ISOLATION. WE ALL NEED FROM ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO HELP OURSELVES. BUT IT ALSO HAS A NEGATIVE SIDE IN THE SENSE THAT PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD NOW AFFECT EVERY BODY IN THE WORLD AND, THEREFORE, WE NEED JOINT SOLUTIONS.

FOR THE LATIN AMERICANS AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. AND THAT IS WHY WE ATTACH SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CHARTER OF DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES IN THE REALM OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS--IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC SECURITY.
WE FIND A TWO-FOLD PROBLEM THAT WE ARE FACING, AND THIS IS ONE THAT I WAS SPECIFICALLY FACING WHEN I STARTED TO ADDRESS THIS GROUP. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I WAS NOT INFORMED, OR AWARE, OF THE POINTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT BRING UP IN HIS SPEECH.
AND, SECONDLY, I AM NOT AWARE OF THE POINTS OF VIEW THAT MY COLLEAGUES IN THIS ROOM SHARE WITH US.

I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT , IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE MISSION THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO ME, I WOULD EXPRESS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU, OUR GREAT INTEREST IN ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT HE HAS RAISED.

THE MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED HERE WILL BE STUDIED BY OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AND REFLECTED UPON. AND, IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO OTHER MEETINGS WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEAL WITH THEM.

I BELIEVE THAT I EXPRESS THE GRATIFICATION THAT WE ALL SHARE
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HERE AT THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ROGERS, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN-
AND CONSIDERED--A GREAT FRIEND OF LATIN AMERICA.

IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT WE WANT TO POINT TO OUR HOPES THAT WE
WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY FORTH IN THE EXTRAORDINARY PROGRAM AND
TASKS THAT WE HAVE SET FOR US AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SO
WELL UNDERSTANDS IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE -AND ALSO THE EXTRA-
ORDINARY HOPE THAT WE HAVE,

BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW WELL SECRETARY KISSINGER IS FAMILIAR AND
AWARE WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT ALL OF THE COUNTRIES
OF THE WORLD AND THE REPERCUSSIONS THAT THOSE WORLD
PROBLEMS HAVE ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A GREAT APPRECIATION TO YOU,
MR. SECRETARY, FOR THE SPECIAL HOSPITALITY, UNDERSTANDING AND
SOLIDARITY THAT HAS BEEN REFLECTED HERE WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS
OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT
WE MAY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND PROGRESS
AMONGST OUR COUNTRIES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (APPLAUSE)

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